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Docket No. ECV-5413CIP2CON1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

5 In re application of: Carpentier, et al.) Group Art Unit: 3738
Application No.: 10/729,035) Examiner: Hieu Phan
Filing Date: December 5, 2003)
10 For: FLEXIBLE HEART VALVE AND ASSOCIATED)
CONNECTING BAND)

15 Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

TERMINAL DISCLAIMER UNDER 37 CFR §1.321(b)

20 Dear Sir:

Petitioner, Edwards Lifesciences Corporation, a Delaware Corporation with its principal offices located at One Edwards Way, Irvine, in the County of Orange and State of California, represents that it is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention disclosed in the above-referenced U.S. Patent Application No. 10/729,035.

The above-referenced U.S. Patent Application No. 10/729,035 claims priority under 35 USC §120 back to U.S. Patent Application No. 09/847,930, filed May 3, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,736,845, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/332,759, filed 30 June 14, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,558,418.

All of the aforementioned patents and applications are commonly owned by Petitioner.

35 Petitioner represents that it is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 6,736,845, and continuations thereof, by the following assignments/instruments:

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